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Applicants: John Colucci, et al.

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2007, setting forth a shortened statutory period for response ending November 13, 2007. Please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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